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The Alleghany County Sheriff's Department is led by Sheriff David Edwards. His office is located in the Law Enforcement Center at 40 Alleghany Street in Sparta. The Law Enforcement Center also houses offices of the Sparta Police Department, County Magistrates office and Drivers License Examiner.

The Alleghany County Sheriff's Department has responsibility in three areas of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the courts and corrections and is responsible for the county communications.

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Alleghany County Sheriff's Department is responsible to enforce North Carolina laws in Alleghany County. The responsibilities include county patrols, investigating crime and apprehending suspects. Within the Town of Sparta, that responsibility is shared with the Sparta Police Department.

#### **COURT DUTIES**

The Sheriff's Department is responsible for maintaining the safety and security of the court. A deputy acts as bailiff when court is in session. The Sheriff's Department is responsible to take charge of juries whenever they are outside the courtroom; to serve court papers such as subpoenas, summonses, warrants, writs, or civil process; and to extradite prisoners.

## **CORRECTIONS**

The Sheriff's Department maintains and operates the county jail, to include supervising inmates and protecting their rights. It is also responsible for providing inmates with food, clothing, exercise, recreation and medical services.

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Sheriff's Department administers the county communications office. Responsibility includes taking emergency 911 calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week and dispatching law enforcement, ambulance, rescue squad, fire department, forest service and/or wildlife personnel to take appropriate action. The department also handles communication between law enforcement and other emergency personnel; assists the Department of Social Services, New River Behavioral Healthcare and Domestic Abuse is Not Acceptable in maintaining their on-call services; and serves as the local contact for the National Crime Information Center.

The Alleghany County Sheriff's Department is manned 24/7, however, citizens are encouraged to conduct business of a non-emergency nature during normal, weekday business hours.

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